

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 2-3, 5-20, 22-23, 25-37, and 39-42 are pending in this patent application.

Claims 1, 4, 21, 24 and 38 are canceled.

Claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-13, 22-23, 25-28, 30-33, and 39 are hereby amended.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

35 USC § 112 Rejections

Claims 6 and 26 stand rejected under § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the inclusion of the term “cystosol ester” in the Markush group renders the claim unclear. Claims 6 and 26 have been amended to remove the term “cystosol ester” from the Markush groups in claims 6 and 26.

Claims 5 and 26 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

Per the September 12, 2006 Advisory Action, Applicants note with appreciation that independent claims 9 and 29 are allowable, as are all claims depending there from. Applicants have amended various of the claims to depend from claims 9 and 29, and thus dependent claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-20, 22-23, 25-28, and 30-37 are likewise allowable. Claims 1 and 38 have been canceled. Claim 39 has been rewritten in independent form and is likewise allowable for the same reasons as claims 9 and 29. Claims 40-42 depend from claim 39 and thus are likewise allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

35 USC §§ 102 and 103 Rejections

In view of the amendments discussed above, all of the pending claims now contain subject matter indicated as allowable in the September 12, 2006 Advisory Action, and thus the prior art rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

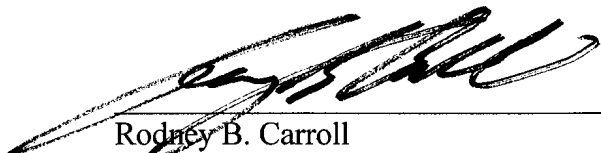
Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections or objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Final Office Action dated June 30, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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